

Minutes from the November 5, 2016 meeting in Ludlow, MA

The meeting was called to order at 12:15pm.

Attendance

Board Members - Gull Gullicksen, Francine Guerra, Michael Kurdzo, Lee Prager
Members - Katherine Menches, Linda Barden, Pete Dolan, Linda Prager, Mary Ann Stoddart, Joe Stoddart

Secretary's report - Francine Guerra

The minutes from the September 6 meeting were posted in lieu of the newsletter. Robin is posting them where the newsletter can usually be found. Copies were also on hand if anyone needed to read them. Linda Prager made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. Lee Prager seconded. Motion approved. Lee Prager made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Joe Stoddart seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report - Lee Prager

	Income	Expense	Notes
Beginning Balance (4 Sep 16)	\$ 27,889.68		
Sep 17-18 Stock trial	\$ 975.38		
Oct 14-17 HMM	\$ 1,222.61		\$470 donation to ASHGI from Judi's raffle
Agility	\$ 1,819.65		
Conformation	\$ (655.07)		
Obedience & Rally	\$ 125.39		
Stock	\$ (16.26)		
MVA	\$ (51.10)		
Balance (5 Nov 16)	\$ 30,000.23		

The reports are the basics. If anyone wants specifics, Lee will supply them.

Michael Kurdzo made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Linda Prager seconded. Motion approved.

Affiliate report - Pauli Haggis - not present*

Library report - John Andrade - not present - John had said nothing new has been added.

ASCA BOD report - no one present

Sunshine report - Joey Mason broke her leg and had surgery, Francine sent a card from the club. Joey received and said thank you.
Club member Andy Johnson passed away. The club sent a card to his wife, Diane.

Event updates

Sept stock trial at Landry's in NH - Made a profit of \$975.38

HMM - We had two MVA participants. Helen Fergason with her dog Wikki. Unfortunately Wikki did not qualify in agility. Ty with Cynthia Fields was the other participant and the 2016 HMM MVA winner.

Total profit of \$1,222.61, details of individual events in Treasurer's report

Nov obedience and rally in Seekonk, MA - no report

Nov agility in Westboro, MA - As Joey broke her leg there was some redistribution of responsibilities. Runs at this point were just over 300 each day.

2017 calendar

Jean got an email that USDAA is having an event (Titling Mania) on Memorial Day weekend in RI. She's afraid this may affect entries at the ASCNE agility trial.

July 9, 2017 meeting will be at Dianne Barrett's in Putnam, CT.

We still need locations for the Sept 10 and Nov 5 meetings.

COS chairs - Lee Prager / agility, Francine Guerra / Conformation, Dianne Barrett / obedience & rally.

We need an overall chair for COS 6/10-11/17

Jen Chase's NH stock trial will be July 29-30, 2017, not Aug 12 & 13.

A motion was made by Mary Ann Stoddart and seconded by Lee Prager to accept all the reports. Motion approved.

Old business

Member applications

There were no new applications at the Sept meeting.

Open positions

We do not have a newsletter editor, so until we do, there will be no newsletter.

We need an overall chair for COS 6/10-11/17.

HMM needs a chair for Conformation, and a Stock Course Director. Barbara would like a co-chair for Obedience & Rally.

Nationals exploratory committee

Another email was sent to other local ASCA clubs asking if they were interested in forming a consortium to host the ASCA Nationals on the East Coast. Response has been very minimal. It was agreed that the first step was to find an Overall Chair. So far no one has stepped up for this position. If an Overall Chair is not found by mid-December then the idea of hosting Nationals will be dropped. Wendy Richmond had not heard back from Sussex County Fairgrounds yet on dates for 2020.

ASCA sent a survey about Nationals locations asking members if they preferred having a central location, four rotating locations, or leaving as it is. The survey went to the email the ASCA office has on record for you. If you did not receive the survey, then contact the office.

Banners

Francine Guerra redid the logo and Michael Kurdzo had a banner he had made as an example. Francine will tweak the logo some and Michael will order a larger size.

ASCNE bylaws review committee

Anne Hubbard emailed they went thru the bylaws section by section and will make some suggested changes (most are minor word-consistency type changes). They also looked at the bylaws ASCA requires for affiliate clubs. Our bylaws are grandfathered. If anyone else would like to help review the bylaws, you can contact Anne.

New business

New member applications

Dottie sent one application.

Sabrina La Fave-Saletnik

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It was voted to accept the application for consideration. Club members have 30 days to comment.

Multiple events on a weekend

Lately we have had multiple ASCNE events scheduled for the same weekend. While there is nothing in writing that precludes it, we should try to avoid it when possible. When a second event wants to happen on the same dates already taken, the original event should be notified for their input.

A similar situation is three agility trials in four weekends, as we have scheduled for May and June of 2017. This could create a potential conflict and the outcome will be revisited at the July meeting when the calendar is set for the following year.

Stock at HMM

Lee says it continues to be a difficult job having a stock trial at the fairgrounds. The amount of work for set up and tear down is extensive. Suggestions were: hire Mark and he finds help to do it (adding the extra cost to entry fees), free runs for major helpers (as agility does), or no stock trial. If there is going to be stock at HMM 2017, a Course Director is needed (or better yet, two co-directors). *Someone needs to step forward by January 1, or cancelling stock at HMM will be discussed at the Jan meeting.*

Mary Ann asked about the "private event" sign at the fairgrounds. She thought it kept people from coming in to see the show. We don't know if it is an insurance issue for the fairgrounds. Perhaps a "welcome ASCNE" sign could be put up.

Mark asked Lee about changing the dates of HMM to accommodate the AKC trial. Pete Dolan proposed we move HMM to the weekend of 10/13-15/17. Linda Barden seconded, motion approved.

A \$470 donation to ASHGI was raised at HMM from Judi Schachte's raffle.

Meeting was adjourned 1:40pm.

Addendum

We found out after the meeting that Pauli Haggis was absent because she had a brain stem stroke the night before. At the time of this writing Pauli is in rehab and although it is slow she continues to make progress.